

Signs in the Economy: Another Hint That the Rapture Is Near?

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SCATTERED among the headlines about Hurricane Harvey last week were multiple articles on warning signs in the economy:

[“Wall Street Banks Are Sending Warning Signals”](#)

[“Investors Pull Billions From US Stocks in Longest Streak Since 2004”](#)

[“Worries Grow About the Stock Market’s ‘Bad Breath’”](#)

Actually, the warnings have been coming in a steady stream, for months. Analysts are looking at the relationships between stocks, bonds, and commodities and noticing that investors are ignoring fundamentals, just like they did in the run-up to the historic 2008 crisis.

More than eight years into the current economic cycle, a major downturn is overdue. And the next one, experts warn, will be the crash to end all crashes—the worst anyone has ever seen.

The reason the next crash will be unparalleled is the unprecedented level of debt taken on by the world’s largest economies, i.e., the US and China. It doesn’t take an economist to understand that the larger the debt bubble, the larger the impact when it pops.

According to Michael Pento, President of Pento Portfolio Strategies (PPS), when the bubble bursts it will mean the total collapse of financial markets around the world. The crash will be so severe that not a single asset will be safe.

In an interview last September, Pento predicted:

*“When the bond market breaks, when that bubble bursts, it will wipe out every asset, everything will collapse together... I mean diamonds, sports cars, mutual funds, municipal bonds, fixed income, REITs, collateralized loan obligations, stocks, bonds—even commodities—will collapse in tandem along with the bond bubble burst.”*¹

There will be no safe haven for investors.

The problem that prognosticators like Pento face is that government and bank intervention has forestalled a market correction—the economy’s natural way of resetting itself. Based on the indicators, many predicted a major crash in 2015, then in 2016. Yet, no crash occurred. Instead, things have been

fairly stable, lulling many into a sense of complacency. With the markets being propped up as they are, the good times could go on indefinitely—right? ²

Not according to legendary investor Jim Rogers. In a June 2017 interview, he predicted a soon crash—the worst in his lifetime.

Asked about the potential trigger of the collapse, He said:

“I don’t know. It could be an American pension plan that goes broke, and many of them are broke ... It could be some country we’re not watching. It could be all sorts of things. It could be war—unlikely to be war, but it’s going to be something.” ³

While Rogers is cautious about predicting the cause of the collapse, he seems certain about the timing. Based on current conditions and a pattern of downturns that have occurred every four to seven years since the founding of the republic, he projects it will happen *“later this year or next.”*

In view of the dire predictions of Pento, Rogers, and numerous [other analysts](#), it’s interesting that the Bible depicts a global economic collapse during the Tribulation (Rev. 6:5-6; 13: 17). We assume this collapse occurs *after* the Rapture because, according to Luke, when the catching away happens it will be a time of relative prosperity in which the economy is stable enough that new projects (“planting and building”) are being planned and carried out (Luke 17:27-28). This, of course, is the exact *opposite* of what occurs in an economic downturn, during which loans are difficult to secure and building projects are put on hold.

What might the Bible’s tribulation collapse have to do with the global crash that analysts say is imminent?

Simple:

Scripture says the Rapture happens in a time of growth and prosperity.

A global collapse is considered overdue and must happen soon.

Therefore, the *Rapture* must happen soon.

How soon?

No one can say exactly, but it’s worth noting that, historically, the vast majority of financial crashes occur in the late summer or early fall, corresponding to the biblical months of Elul and Tishrei.

This is the time we are entering into now.

As the days grow shorter and the first signs of autumn 2017 begin to appear, people are buying and selling. New homes and buildings are going up everywhere. (As I write this, a new development of over 40 homes is going in just a block away.) Cars are being purchased, marriages are being planned, and investments are being made in stocks, bonds, real estate, and various other assets.

This is what Jesus said it would look like when the Rapture occurs. And this is why the most awesome event in history—the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the instantaneous transformation of those still living—will come upon the world like a “snare.”⁴

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Do you know Jesus Christ? It’s more important than ever that you do, as those who do not will be left behind when the rapture trumpet sounds. More importantly, He is all that stands between you and eternal nothingness. If you’re uncertain of your standing with the Lord, before you let another minute pass, ask Him into your heart by saying a simple prayer, along these lines:

Dear Jesus, I need you in my life. I acknowledge that I have sinned and come to you now asking your forgiveness. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. I believe that you are the Son of God and that you rose from the dead and are alive today. I open the door of my heart and invite you in to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Please take control of my life from this moment forward and make me the kind of person you want me to be. In Jesus name I ask it, Amen.

NOTES:

1. [Get Ready: Biggest Market Crash In History Is Coming As Huge Debt Bubble Bursts Top Investor Warns](#)
2. [Can the Feds, Wall Street, Prevent Another Market Plunge?](#)
3. [Jim Rogers: The Worst Crash In Our Lifetime Is Coming](#)
4. Luke 17:27-28; 21:34-36; Matt. 24:38.